

(d) and (e). The matter of licensing/delicensing of bulk drugs is being considered in the ongoing review of the Drug Policy.

[*Translation*]

#### **Manufacture of Electronic/Battery Cars**

2258. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have allowed some companies to manufacture cars;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the cars manufactured by those companies will be operated by petrol or diesel;

(d) whether a number of application are pending with the Government for the manufacture of pollution-free electric or battery operated cars, and if so, the number of such applications pending;

(e) the reasons for not encouraging manufacturers of electric or battery operated cars; and

(f) whether the Government propose to allow manufacture of such cars in future; and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). No fresh capacity for the manufacture of passenger cars has been approved during the last three years.

(d) to (f). Two proposals have been received for the manufacture of Electric/Battery Operated cars. Decisions on these proposals will be taken on the merits of each case in accordance with the existing policy.

[*English*]

#### **Extension/Re-Employment of Employees of PSUs after Superannuation**

2259. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director-General, Bureau of Public enterprises had written a letter to the Chief Executives of all public enterprises on February 10, 1983 regarding extension/re-employment after superannuation;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the directive of 1983 of the Government still stands;

(d) if so, the precise details thereof;

(e) whether any other directive/letter is being issued by the BPE superseding the letter of February 10, 1983; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor and a copy of the letter be laid on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUGON): (a) to (d). The Director General of the then Bureau of Public Enterprises had written a letter to the Chief Executives of all Central Public Enterprise on 10.2.1983 asking them to review the cases of below Board level Officers who were on extension/re-employment and issue orders terminating their services by giving them required notice. It was also mentioned in the said letter that if the management for any special reasons considers that the extension/re-employment already approved be allowed to run its course, specific approval of the Board of Directors should be obtained afresh. These instructions were issued to emphasise the need to eschew the tendency of